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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Paul Conry, Administrator

Division of Forestry and Wildlife

FROM:

Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT:

Governor's Executive Order No. 4269 Withdrawing Lands from Governor's Proclamation dated June 12, 1907 and Governor's Executive Order No. 4270 Setting Aside Lands, Waimea, Kauai, Tax Map Key; (4) 1-4-1:portion of 3

Enclosed for your records is one copy of Governor's Executive Order No. 4269 withdrawing 486 acres from Governor's Proclamation dated June 12, 1907 and Governor's Executive order No. 4270 setting aside 486 acres for Addition to the Hono O Na Pali Natural Area Reserve.

At its meeting of September 12, 2008, under agenda item C-1 (copy enclosed), the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved of and voted to recommend to the Governor the issuance of the subject executive orders.

The proposed Hono O Na Pali expansion is recommended for inclusion in the Natural Area Reserve System. This will provide increased protection and heightened management attention for a contiguous area running from the top of Mt. Waialeale to lowland ecosystems. This will connect the Hono O Na Pali Natural Area Reserve with the Alakai Wilderness Preserve, creating a corridor of contiguous areas for conservation of native ecosystems, which will encourage management activities to preserve species that need larger ranges for their species' continued survival. This area contains intact native wet forest with several species of rare and endangered plants from the high-elevation bog community, is part of the core habitat for several species of endangered forest birds, and is likely rich with hundreds of species of native invertebrates.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Charlene Unoki at 587-0426. Thank you.

Enclosures

cc: Land Board Member

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